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Please cancel Claims 52 and 53 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and further and favorable reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112 are respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, Claims 41 and 51 have been amended to correct the informalities recited by the Examiner, and Claims 52 and 53 have been canceled without prejudice. If the amendment is entered, the claims consequently pending would be Claims 41-51 and 54-58.

Claims 41-58 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, on the basis that certain misspellings exist and that terms lacking in antecedent basis are present. Both bases have been addressed by the amendments above, and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is likewise requested.


Claims 51, 52 and 54-58 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as anticipated by Rehder. This rejection is believed to be without merit and is traversed. The Rehder design is cumbersome and exhibits several structural features not taught or even contemplated or desirable in the claimed hinge. Notwithstanding this, the cancellation of Claims 52 and 53 obviate this ground of rejection, and withdrawal thereof is believed to be in order and is requested.

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The citation of FR 2566657 A1 and DE 2901009 A1 are noted, and Applicant agrees that these references are inapplicable in rejection of the claims, particularly as amended herein.

In view of the above and foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding grounds of rejection and early allowance of the claims as amended are believed to be in order and are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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